

## Medi-Cal Waiver Programs for Children with Special Needs

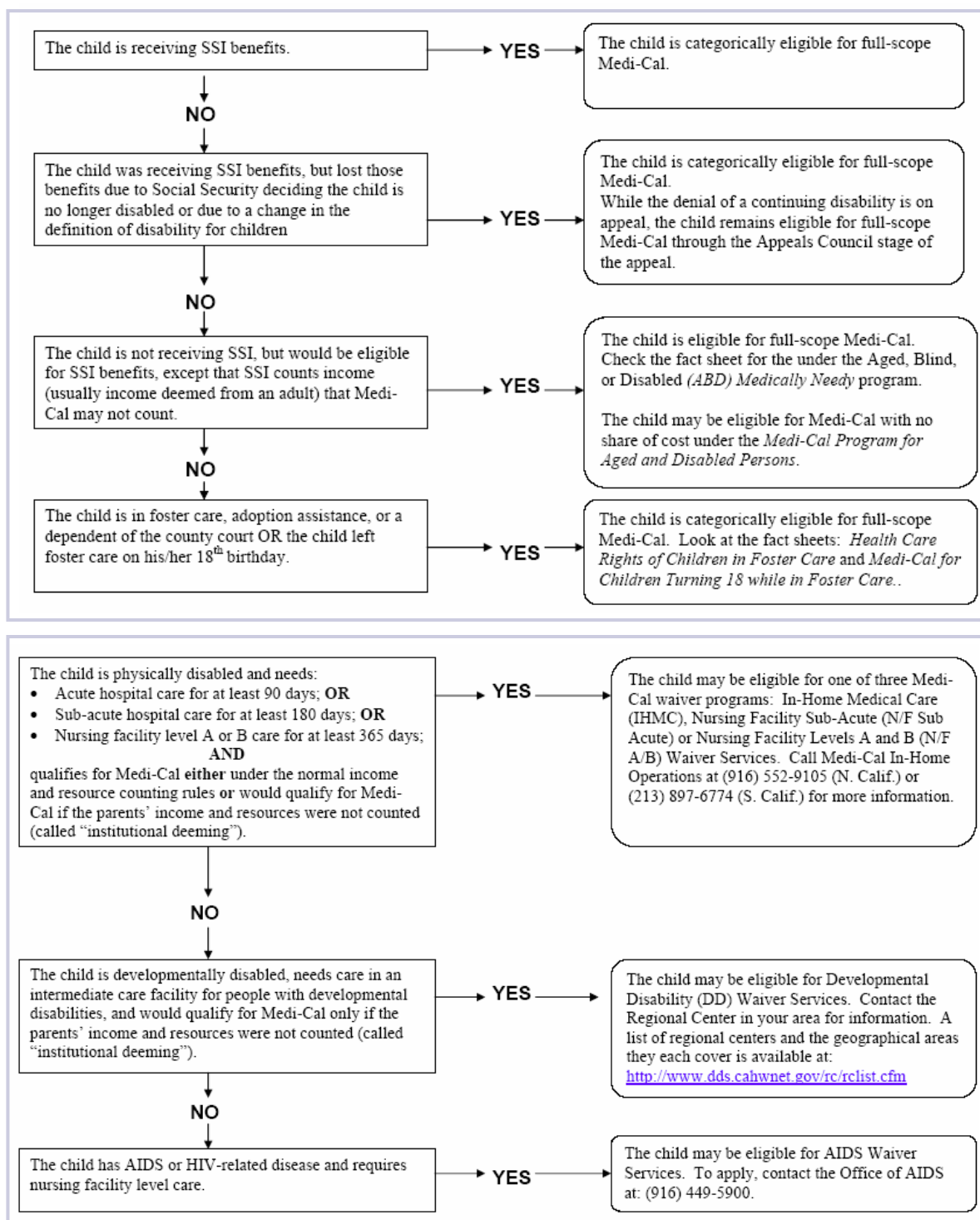
Families across the state have been reporting difficulty in accessing information about Medi-Cal "waiver programs" for which their child may be eligible. They have also reported difficulty determining which program to apply for and how to apply. The flowcharts below are adapted from the *Medi-Cal Flowchart B*, part of a larger

flowchart that was developed by the National Health Law Program (NHLP) to provide information about Medi-Cal programs for children with special health care needs. To access the full document, go to [www.healthconsumer.org/cs041Medi-CalFlowChart.pdf](http://www.healthconsumer.org/cs041Medi-CalFlowChart.pdf).

**CHART B**  
(A child with a disability or special needs)

Children with special needs are eligible for the same types of Medi-Cal as children without special needs, including EPSDT services. However, children with special needs may be eligible for the programs in this panel or for the waiver services on the next panel of this chart as well.

The waiver programs on this panel are available for children who would otherwise need some type of nursing or institutional care. Eligible children can receive certain Medi-Cal services in order to be able to live at home or in the community.



– Adapted from *Medi-Cal Flowchart B* (National Health Law Program, August 2005)

